GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

TRIBAL WELFARE – Girijan Cooperative Corporation Limited, Visakhapatnam – Permission to give vacant 322 D.R. Depots under 7 Divisional Offices of GCC to unemployed Tribal Youth on dealership basis as is being done in plain areas of AP - Orders - Issued.

TRIBAL WELFARE (GCC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 102 **Dated: 11-12-2015**

Read the following:-

1) G.O.Ms.No. 52 C.A, F & C.S (CS.I) Department dated 18.12.2008.
2) G.O.ms.No.4, C.A, F & C.S (CS.I) Department dated 19.02.2011.
3) Letter received from VC & MD, GCC, Visakhapatnam, Dt.7.12.2015.

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Girijan Cooperative Corporation is in the service of the 40 lakh Tribals of Andhra Pradesh for the past 60 years & in the divided residuary State of Andhra Pradesh. Girijan Coop. Corpn., is serving around 25 lakhs tribal population residing in 7 ITDA Areas having 7 Divisional offices. These 7 Divisional Offices of GCC are controlling 25 Societies in turn controlling 891 DR Depots. In the context of bifurcation of the State and creation of new residuary State of Andhra Pradesh, GCC wants to intensify its operations and reach up to each and every tribal home to the best of its capabilities.

2. The DR Depot of the GCC is the nearest point of service to the tribal communities. The 891 DR Depot network is the largest network of Govt. service delivery system closest to the tribal communities. No other State has got such a wide network of shops operated either by Government or Private. However there is urgent need to strengthen the DR Depot network to make new residuary State of Andhra Pradesh a model State in terms of service delivery till the last mile.

The D.R. Depots have got the following 3 functions.

a) It acts as Ration Depot which gives Essential Commodities to all the Tribal Communities.
b) It sells at reasonable rates all important daily requirements to Tribal Communities such as Edible Oil, R.G. Dall, Cosmetics, Tea, Coffee and Sugar etc.,
c) Procurement activities of GCC of collecting MFP such as Honey, Gum, Soap Nuts, Tamarind etc., by paying reasonable prices to give tribals MFP collectors marketing facility close to their home.

3. Each DR Depot is managed by a Salesman who is accountable for all the stocks sold as well as procured. DR Depot is the most important field level instrument of GCC through which all the activities are channelized. All the DR Depots are manned by only Tribals as its Salesmen. Tribal Communities of AP regard GCC as the major employer of tribal youth. This is the secret of success of GCC working in very difficult terrain. It is very obvious that DR Depot is the foundation without which GCC cannot function effectively.

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4. At present out of 891 DR Depots, 283 regular Salesmen and 170 contract Salesmen i.e., a total of 453 Salesmen are working. The remaining 438 Shops are running without any Salesmen. Out of these 438 Shops, 116 No. of shops are run by Tribal Women Self Help Groups functioning in the Tribal Areas.

5. In view of the above it is proposed to give the following 322 vacant DR Depots on dealership basis as is being done in plain areas.

Sl. No.	Name of the Division	Vacant DR Depots
1	Seethampeta	13
2	Parvathipuram	41
3	Paderu	67
4	Chintapalli	32
5	Rampachodavaram	163
6	Tirupathi	1
7	Srisailam	5

6. The VC & MD, GCC in the reference 2nd read above has sent proposals for giving the vacant D.R. Depots on Dealership basis to the Tribal Youth selected by the POs, ITDA duly following the prescribed procedure as is being done in plain areas.

7. After careful examination, Government hereby accord sanction for giving the vacant 322 D.R. Depots under 7 Divisional Offices of GCC to unemployed Tribal Youth on dealership basis as is being done in plain areas by adopting the following procedure:-

Procedure for appointing FP Shop Dealers

- Fair Price Shops shall be run through the Daily Requirement Depots of the Girijan Co-operative Corporation wherever they exist.

- Where there are no Daily Requirement Depots, the F.P. Shops shall be entrusted to part time depots of GCC manned by Tribal Youth.

- Where neither Daily Requirement Depots nor part time depots are available, the Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency concerned shall identify suitable tribal youth and the F.P. Shops shall be entrusted to such tribal candidates only.

- The selection of dealers to run the F.P. Shops shall be done by the Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency concerned as Chairman and the concerned RDO/Sub Collector and Tahsildar as Members and the candidates thus selected will be appointed as F.P. Shop dealers by the Revenue Divisional Officer/Sub-Collector.

- The selection process of the candidates shall be done as per the procedure envisaged in G.O.Ms.No.4, C.A, F & C.S (CS.I) Department, dated.19-02-2011 and further amendments issued from time to time as applicable to the Tribal Communities.

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- The unemployed persons who completed 18 years of age and maximum age limit of 40 years and possessing a minimum general qualification of 10th class pass are eligible.

- Where no candidate is available with the said minimum general educational qualifications, a candidate possessing a lesser educational qualifications, which shall not be less than a pass in 7th class, if applies may be considered for appointment.

- Preference shall be given to the resident of the Revenue Village or Hamlet in which the shop is located and preference shall be given to the candidates belonging to families of freedom fighters, Dwakra groups, thrift groups.

- The appointing authority shall verify the antecedents of the selected candidates through the records of their own offices. The Appointing Authority shall also get clearance report from the Mandal Revenue Officers concerned regarding any punishment or involvement of the selected candidates in any case under various laws or under any of the orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act.1955 or in relation nor ex-dealers or Government employees, etc.

- The Tribal youth as dealers thus selected by the Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency shall be provided Institutional Finance from A.P. Scheduled Tribes Finance Corporation / Integrated Tribal Development Agency / Girijan Co-operative Corporation or through Commercial Banks, in which case the Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency shall arrange the necessary margin money.

- In respect of those Villages where tribals do not come forward to take up F.P. Shops dealership due to lack of finances, the Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency concerned shall identify suitable tribal beneficiary and provide necessary financial assistance towards working capital as well as security deposit. The Integrated Tribal Development Agency Officials and Tahsildar concerned shall be responsible to recover the loan amounts from such tribal beneficiaries identified by the Project Officer, Integrated Tribal Development Agency.

- Every FP Shop dealer should fulfil the general conditions as envisaged in item No. 12 of G.O.Ms.No.4, C.A, F & C.S (CS.I) Department, dated.19-02-2011 and further reminders issued from time to time as applicable to Tribal Communities.

- The new dealers should be in place from 1st January 2015.

8. The VC & MD, GCC, Visakhapatnam shall take necessary action accordingly.

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9. This orders issues with the concurrence of Finance(HR) Department vide their U.O.No.16995/205/A1/HR.II/2015 dated 6.10.2015.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Vice Chairman & Managing Director, GCC, Visakhapatnam.
The Director of Tribal Welfare, AP, Hyderabad.
The Project Officer, ITDA, (Seethampeta / Parvathipuram / Paderu / Rampachodavaram / Srisailam / Nellore.
The District Collectors concerned.

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